Construction of sheds in Lodhi Colony

604. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CPWD has permitted its contractors to construct sheds in different blocks of Lodhi Colony, for stoarge of scraps and old material;

(b) if so, the details of each such shed, block-wise, and since when these are there;

(c) the conditios on which these constructions have been permitted and whether these are strictly followed;

(d) whether these sheds are causing insanitary and unhygienic conditions around and inconvenience to the allottees of the surrounding quarters;

(e) whether Government propose to remove these sheds, if so, by when each of these sheds are proposed to be removed; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (c) CPWD has reported that permission is granted to contractors under the provision of contract to construct sheds for execution of work. However, no permission is granted for construction of sheds for storage of scrap and old materials. There is one shed in each of the Block No. 7, 9, 15, 16 & 17. These sheds were constructed after June, 1995.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The sheds are removed on completion of the work.

(f) The question does not arise, in view of (e) above.

J.J. Clusters of Delhi

605. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether lakhs and lakhs of people in the Jhuggi-Jhopri clusters of Delhi are living in most pitiable conditions;

(b) whether Government propose to allot land for the construction of multistorrey dwelling units in order to relocate them so that they may live in neat, clean and hygienic environments; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (c) It is estimated that there are about 20-25 lakh jhuggie dwellers in about 4.80 lakh jhuggi house-holds in Delhi.

To improve the living conditions of the Slum/JJ Dwellers, the following three-pronged strategy is being followed by the Government of NCT of Delhi through the Slum Department of the MCD:—

(i) Where the JJ dwellers are residing since prior to 31.3.1990 on land urgently required by the land owning agency for the execution of a public purpose project, these JJ dwellers are relocatred elsewhere;

(ii) In-situ upgradation of the JJ colonies is resorted to where the land owning agency does not need the land in the forescable future and gives NOC to the effect that such clusters may be upgraded; and

(iii) Civic amenities like water supply, street lighting, road, storm water drain, etc. are provided in JJ clusters, which do not fall in categories (i) and (ii) above.

At present relocation of eligible JJ dwellers is being undertaken by Government of NCT of Delhi on the concept of low-rise high density. Government of NCT of Delhi have been requested to examine the economics of the concept of